

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
DISTRICT OF MINNESOTA
Criminal No.: 21-CR-108 (2) (PAM/TNL)

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,)
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 Plaintiff,)
vs.) **DEFENDANT THAO'S MOTION IN**
) **LIMINE FOR ADDITIONAL**
TOU THAO,) **PREEMPTORY CHALLENGES**
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 Defendant.)
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Mr. Tou Thao, Defendant herein, respectfully moves the Court pursuant to Fed. R. Crim. P. 24(b)(2) for an order granting additional preemptory challenges to each defendant in this case. Fed. R. Crim. P. 24(b)(2).

This motion is based upon the virtually unprecedented publicity and notoriety of this case, including, but not limited to the televised state court trial of Derek Chauvin, the leak of the federal grand jury information, and the guilty plea in federal court of Derek Chauvin. Rather than asking for a change of venue, Mr. Thao respectfully requests that each defendant be afforded additionally preemptory challenges to ensure their constitutional right to a fair and impartial jury.

Respectfully submitted,

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